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Commissioners, Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioners:

This is a citizen's input regarding the upcoming Arizona Corporation Commission's decision on the Arizona American Water Company's plan that proposes modification of fire protection pipeline systems in Sun City, Arizona. I have unsuccessfully tried to obtain information on the need for this proposed modification and sincerely hope the Arizona Corporation Commission will be able to obtain this information before considering a vote; without these facts, I hope the Commission votes against it.

Sun City has had numerous house fires in the forty-plus years of its existence and what I want to know is what percentage of them would have benefited from the proposed modification to the fire protection system and how much benefit would be realized. In other words, what is the estimated annual dollar savings in reduced fire damage that would have been realized had these modifications previously been in place. It would seem that such an analysis would be necessary to justify the millions of dollars the modifications would cost.

I have contacted Todd Walker at Arizona American Water and he has stated that he does not have these data. I suggested that he contact the Sun City Fire Department to obtain these data. He said he would but has not subsequently responded. I cannot understand how Arizona American Water can propose an expenditure that will result in their charging Sun City residents an additional \$400,000 per year FOREVER without demonstrating a real need for the expenditure. Why spend money if the existing system isn't broken?

I hope that you, the Commissioners of the Arizona Corporation Commission, will consider this point when making your decision on this issue.

Sincerely,

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